

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

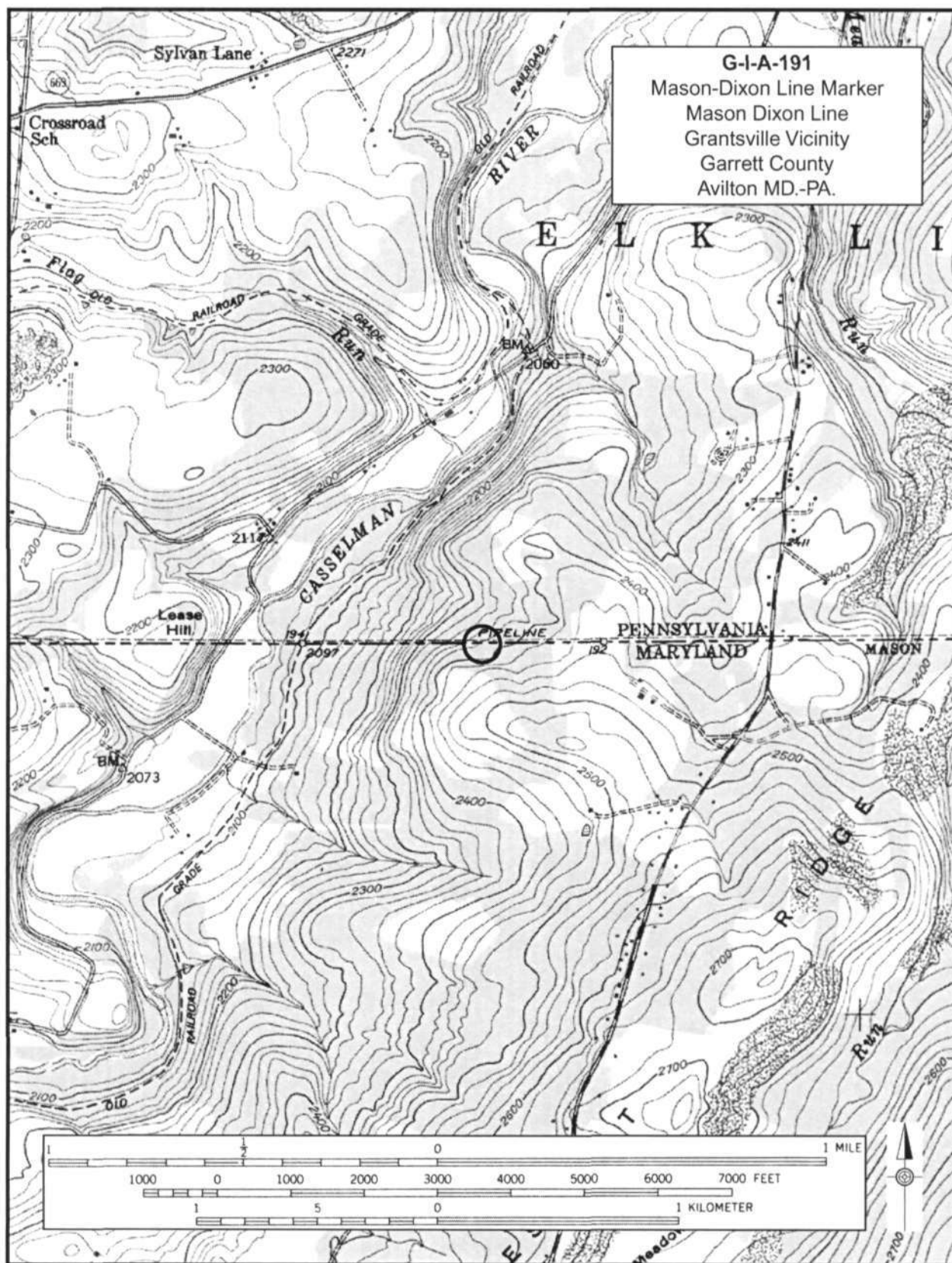
Addendum

MIHP Number: G-I-A-191

Property Name: Mason Dixon Line Milestone 193

Property Address: Maryland -Pennsylvania Border, western slope of Chestnut Ridge, 4,100 feet west of U.S. 219.

Mason-Dixon Line Milestone 193 is a small rectangular stone marker set atop a stone and earthen mound. The monument and mound, the ruin of the original cairn, represent one of the survey points established during the initial 1767 survey and confirmed during the 1902 resurvey. We located, mapped and photographed the monument, and found it intact. The Maryland Historic Trust and the Maryland Geological Survey surveyed the marker in 1981 and it was nominated for the National Register of Historic Places the following year as part of "Boundary Markers Along The Mason-Dixon Line Thematic Group." Information on file at the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission indicates that the markers were listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. As the historic property boundary has not been clearly defined, we recommend a fifty-foot diameter circle from the 1902 marker, including the marker, mound and immediate setting, as the historic property boundary.





6-1-A-191 (Mason-Dixon Boundary Marker)

Garrett County, Maryland

Heberling Associates, Inc. (August 2003)

View of Mason-Dixon Boundary Marker, facing East

Photo 1 of 1

ABSTRACT

G-IA-191

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(193)

1767 (mound), 1902 (monument)

Salisbury, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(193) and its small mound of earth and ^{loose}stones mark Mason and Dixon's 179th mile from the "Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field," the approximate 176th mile from the northeast corner of Maryland, the latter being the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, the English provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The monument is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland. ^{It}is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 11 inches high above the mound; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when the site was originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side (when the new monument was set in the center of the mound during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, replacing the original wood post by then no longer in evidence. The mound, also in excellent condition, measures about 9 feet in diameter by about 2 feet high. On the national and state levels, No. ---(193) and its mound are significant primarily as being among the some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, they are also significant symbolically for their identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 193)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of US 219 (Salisbury Road/T-346)

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

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VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument and mound only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

G-IA-191 entered 9/4/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

Survey No. G-IA-191

CONDITION
(monument & mound)
☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR
☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE
(monument & mound)
☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE
(monument & mound)
☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED
DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(193) and its small mound of earth and stones mark Mason and Dixon's 179th mile from the "Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field," the approximate 176th mile from the northeast corner of Maryland, the latter being the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. The monument was a new dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top when added to the mound in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 11 inches high above the mound; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when the site was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side. The mound, also in excellent condition, is presumably the remains of an original cairn, measures about 9 feet in diameter by about 2 feet high at the center, where the monument was set as a replacement of the original wood post no longer in place.

The area here is ^{one of} the densely wooded westerly slopes of Chestnut Ridge, with no houses in sight. The site is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and Elk Lick Township of Somerset County, PA; and downhill from about 1850 feet west of the preceding monument, No. ---(192) on the ridge; (Salisbury Road/T-346); about 4100 feet west of US 219; about 2 1/4 miles southwest of the town of Salisbury, PA; about 2 miles north of the settlement of High Point, MD; in a ferny, stoney, deciduous woods. It cannot be seen from any road or the pipeline, and is difficult to spot when even closeby because of the stones and overgrowth, so ^{seems} protected by this obscurity.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called magnesian limestone or saccharoidal dolomite; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4 1/2 feet long, intended for setting about 1 1/2 feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground to eliminate the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex are all clear and intact, though all surfaces are covered with lichen and moss. The mound of earth and loose stones is quite camouflaged by leaves and ferns and other large stones all over this mountainside, but on close examination is distinct ^{seems} and intact.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for further descriptions of the monuments set by the Resurvey and the original Mason and Dixon mounds)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
X 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	X EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	X POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (mound)
1902 (monument)

~~CONSIDERABLE~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYING

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(193) and its mound of earth and stones are significant on the national and state levels primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile/^{English} provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was surveyed and marked with a cairn in 1767, and the new Cockeysville marble monument added to the center of the remains of the cairn in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(193) and the mound are also significant symbolically for their identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Avilton (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1947 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

NOTE: monument location not shown on quadrangle; see 1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map, Plate LXV

UTM reference (approx.): zone 17, easting 66266, northing 439843

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE MarylandCOUNTY GarrettSTATE PennsylvaniaCOUNTY Somerset**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey 10/11/81 (site surveyed

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

DATE

10/11/81 (site surveyed

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

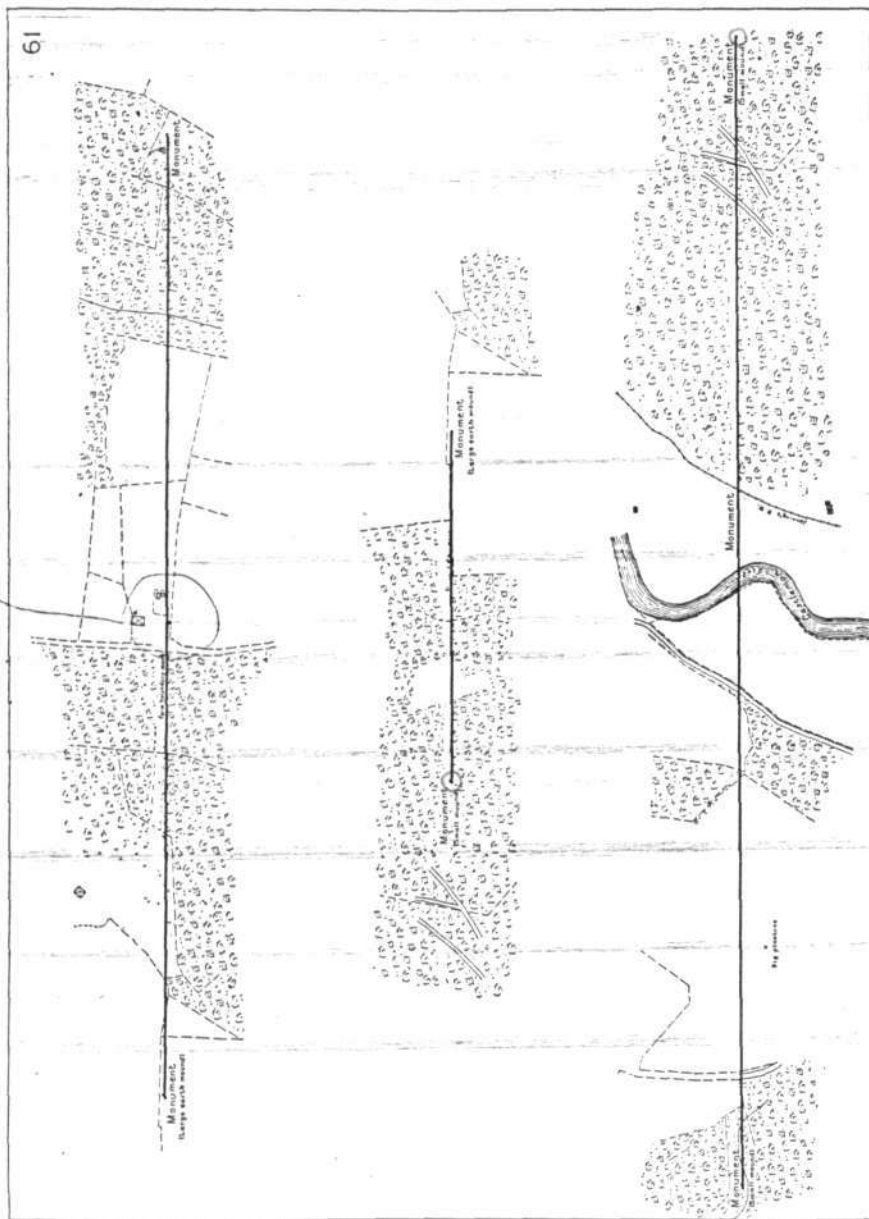
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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RESURVEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.

PLATE LXV.



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SCALE: 1" = 1000'

(194)

MASON & DIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS.

MILESTONE NO. — (193)

51631 SW
(MARKLETON)

SCALE: 1" = 2000

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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39°45' ←

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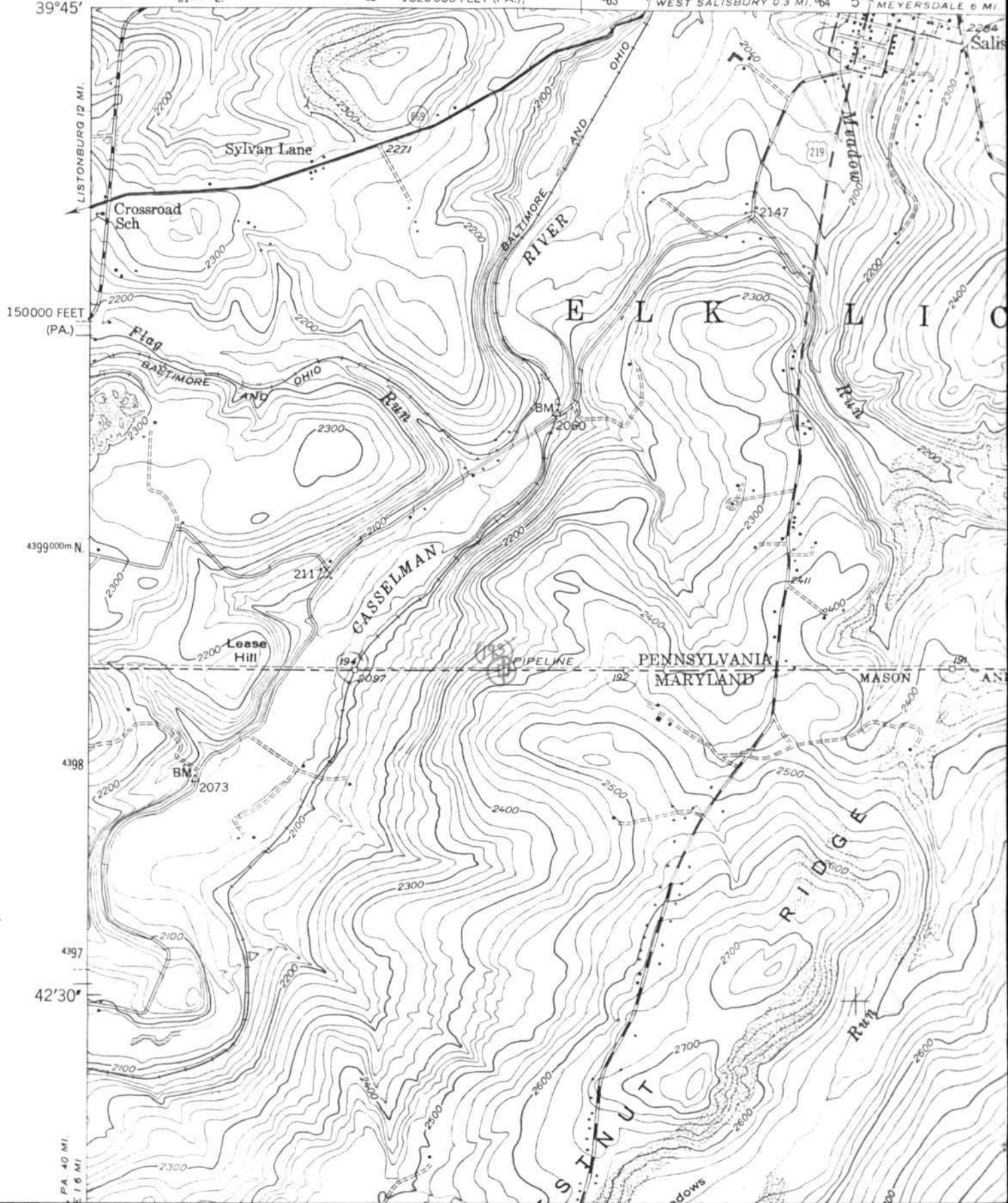
⁶⁶² 1620 000 FEET (PA.);

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WEST SALISBURY 0.3 MI. 664

SOMERSET 22 MI
MEYERSDALE 6 MI

MEYERSDALE 6 MI





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MASON EDISON¹ WEST LINE; MILESTONE — (193)
STONE MONUMENT (1902) IN SMALL GROUP OF
EARTH STONES, MARKING APPROX. 176TH MILE
WEST OF NE CORNER OF MARYLAND

NE CORNER (1767/P)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/11/81 (1981.45.13A)



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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (193)

STONE MONUMENT (1902)

SW CORNER (1902/H)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/11/81 (1981.45.18A)



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MED WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (193)

VIEW NORTH: OF STONE, MOUND & PIPELINE SWATH

CLEARED PIPELINE SWATH



PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/11/81 (1981.45. 15A)